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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAID, ETRD, PFOR, LE  
SUBJECT: AID TO LEBANON: BOYCOTT ASPECTS

REF: STATE 055234

1. DURING CALL ON PRIMIN HOSS MORNING APRIL 18, I  
RAISED AGAIN QUESTION OF APPLICATION OF BOYCOTT RULES  
TO ITEMS PROCURED IN U.S. FOR REHABILITATION BEIRUT  
PORT. SAID THIS WAS MATTER OF CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL  
IMPORTANCE TO US, PARTICULARLY AT THIS JUNCTURE,  
AND THAT WE HAD SO FAR BEEN ABLE TO SAY THAT IN NO  
CASE HAD AID PROCUREMENT BEEN AFFECTED BY BOYCOTT.  
WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO SAY IT. I  
REALIZE THAT DIRECTOR OF LEBANESE BOYCOTT OFFICE  
WAS TOUGH, BUT OTHER ARAB STATES HAD FOUND WAY  
AROUND BOYCOTT PROVISIONS IN SIMILAR CASES AND  
LEBANESE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DO AS WELL.

2. HOSS REPLIED THAT ANSWER WAS VERY SIMPLE.  
LEBANESE WERE WEAK, AND THEREFORE HAD TO ABIDE  
BY SUCH AGREEMENTS. IT WAS TRUE THAT LEBANESE  
BOYCOTT OFFICE DIRECTOR WAS UNBENDING, BUT HE  
WAS ONLY FOLLOWING ORDERS. SADAT OR ASAD COULD  
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PLAY FAST AND LOOSE WITH BOYCOTT SYSTEM AND GET  
AWAY WITH IT BECAUSE THEY WERE STRONG. LEBANON  
COULD NOT AFFORD TO TAKE THE RISK. GOL THEREFORE  
PREFERRED TO PASS UP ITEMS WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE IT  
BOYCOTT PROBLEM, MUCH AS IT MIGHT NEED THEM FOR  
ITS OWN NATIONAL INTEREST.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS AN OLD STORY WITH A FAMILIAR  
RING. HOSS REFLECTS THE GENERAL LEBANESE CAUTION  
IN SUCH MATTERS. SOME ARAB ELEMENTS WOULD BE ONLY  
TOO HAPPY TO HAVE AN EXCUSE TO CRITICIZE GOL  
PUBLICLY FOR BEING SOFT ON BOYCOTT MATTERS, AND  
GOL COULD NOT RESPOND PUBLICLY, POINTING OUT THAT  
OTHER ARAB COUNTRIES WERE DOING THE SAME, WITH OUT  
JEOPARDIZING ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SUPPORT FROM  
THOSE COUNTRIES THAT LEBANON DESPERATELY NEEDS.  
I SUSPECT THEREFORE THAT GOL WILL JETTISON THE WHOLE  
PROGRAM RATHER THAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION IN THIS CASE.  
SUGGEST WE DELETE ITEMS IN QUESTION FROM THE LIST.  
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